

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): Hollow ceramics particles having a hollow structure formed by a porous shell layer comprising ceramics powders bonded to each other and having an average particle diameter of from 10 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and a breaking strength of  $5 \times 10^4$  MPa or more, wherein the average thickness of the aforementioned porous shell layer is from 2 to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The hollow ceramics particles as described in Claim 1~~or 2~~, wherein the aforementioned ceramics powder is a mixed powder composed of powders having different particle diameters and/or kinds.

Claims 4 - 9. (canceled).